

City Manager's Weekly Report

This is the weekly report for the week ending June 18th, 2010.

1. **Meeting Notes**

The next meeting of the City Council will be on Tuesday, June 22nd, beginning with a Closed Session at 6:00 PM, followed by the regular agenda at 6:30 PM. (Please note the later start time for the Closed Session.)

2. **Juneteenth Celebration**

Please be reminded that the Juneteenth Parade starts at 9:00 AM on Saturday (tomorrow). The new route starts on 20th Street at Cutting Boulevard and heads up to South 37th Street to Macdonald Avenue ending at Nichol Park on 33rd Street. The festival is from noon to 6:00 PM.

3. **Home Town Richmond**

This fall, the City of Richmond will partner with other community organizations to sponsor a new youth program, *Home Town Richmond*. *Home Town Richmond* will train and employ Richmond teens to lead historical walking tours of neighborhoods in the Richmond area. Richmond encompasses the earliest indigenous settlements as well as the significant World War II era, when Richmond played a key role in home front efforts to support the war. The Home Town Richmond program will provide youth participants the opportunity to learn about the important history in their own backyard, and play an active role as community ambassadors to their city. Participants will gain a sense of pride in the place they live and important skills including leadership, mentoring, communication/public speaking, media, and research that will help them succeed in future education and employment.

The program is planned to begin in the fall of 2010. It will employ eight teens, either current students at, or recent graduates of, Richmond high schools. During the school year, the youth must commit to working two afternoons a week, and in the summer they will work four days a week. The National Park Service will provide the overall management of the program, while the city will provide a meeting space.

4. **Analytical Scientific Instruments, Inc. Moving to Richmond**

Analytical Scientific Instruments, Inc. (ASI) closed escrow on the purchase of 2023 Research Drive this week and was approved for a short-term loan from the city's revolving loan fund, which is managed by the Office of Community and Economic Development. ASI is 21-year-old manufacturer of medical equipment currently in El Sobrante. They are bringing 25 employees to Richmond and are planning to hire an additional 10 people.

5. **“American Pride and Purpose” Finds New Home in Civic Center**

The famous and historical Sargent Johnson mural “American Pride and Purpose,” which was commissioned for the Richmond City Council Chamber in 1949, is now in its new home in the lobby of the Richmond Memorial Auditorium.

This new site was chosen by the Richmond Arts Commission and, after months of careful restoration, this wonderful piece of Richmond history is now accompanied by a short biography of the artist.



6. **YouthBUILD Graduation Summary**

On Friday, June 18th, nine participants in YouthBUILD, Cohort One, received their High School diplomas and/or GED certificates, as well as their construction trade industry recognized certificates in Painting, Drywall, Electrical and Facilities Maintenance. They also received Certificates of Achievement from Mayor Gayle McLaughlin and Supervisor John Gioia.

Job placements for the graduating class include Rising Sun Energy as home energy audit specialists, Orchard Hardware, and the upcoming Green Energy Training Services (GETS), Weatherization and Solar technology and installation training. All nine graduates have reserved slots in RichmondBUILD, if they so choose.

Over 35 youth have been invited to attend the mandatory two week orientation for the next YouthBUILD. If they successfully complete orientation and have performed well, they will be invited into the YouthBUILD program as juniors.

The event was attended by over 100 parents, siblings, friends and officials.



7. **Public Works Update**

The streets paving crew completed the resurfacing of Macdonald Avenue from Garrard Boulevard to 6th Street this week. This concludes the 2010 paving program. The 2011 paving program will start on July 1, 2011 when additional funding will be available. The paving crew will work the rest of the month of June on addressing potholes throughout the city.

8. **Web Fun Fact**

The top three most requested web categories this past calendar year (from May 2009 through May 2010) include the Library, Police Department, and Employment.



Happy Father's Day!

